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Ray Abramson

Date of Election to Current Position: 2014

Biography: Judge Abramson is a fourth-generation citizen and resident of Holly Grove, Arkansas. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia in 1973 and his law degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1976. He practiced law in Clarendon, Arkansas, for thirty-four years, serving at various times as Monroe County Public Defender, Clarendon Municipal Court Judge, Holly Grove Police Court Judge, and Holly Grove City Attorney. Judge Abramson has also served as a Special Justice on the Arkansas Supreme Court on five cases. Governor Mike Beebe appointed Judge Abramson to the Arkansas Court of Appeals on August 1, 2010, where he served until December 31, 2012. Judge Abramson was elected to the Arkansas Court of Appeals for an eight-year term beginning January 1, 2015.

He has participated in numerous Bar activities. He is past President of the Monroe County Bar Association, and a member of the Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Practice, the Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions, the Committee on Opportunities for Women and Minorities, and the Judicial Article Task Force.

Judge Abramson currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Monroe County Community Foundation, Chairman of the Mid Delta Health Systems Board of Directors, and Chairman of the Smith Holly Grove Library, Inc. He is also a volunteer for the Holly Grove Food Pantry.

Judge Abramson is a past President of both the Holly Grove Rotary Club and the East Arkansas Legal Services. He was also elected a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1979-80, where he served on the Judicial Committee. He is a former Chairman of the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, and the former Treasurer of the Arkansas Delta Council. He was also the legal counsel for the Eastern Arkansas Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He holds the Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver Awards.

Judge Abramson has been married to his wife, Mockie Abramson, for thirty eight years, and they have two adult children, Anne Abramson, a doctoral candidate at Yale University, and Emily Abramson, a graduate of the University of Virginia.

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